been made available to Central Electricity Authority. In case any further action is required in the matter Government would be prepared to consider the same.

Power shortage during Eighth Five Year Plan

579. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the power shortage of 9 per cent and peak time shortage of 20 per cent is likely to continue in the terminal year of the 8th Five Year Plan even in case the target for power generation is achieved; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof and the details of steps taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) A capacity addition programme of 30,537.7 MW has been envisaged during the Eighth Five Year Plan (1992—97). Based on this capacity addition and the demand assessed by the Cenral Electricity Authority in its Fourteenth Power Survey; the country is estimated to have a peaking shortage of 20.7 per cent and an energy shortage of 9.0 per cent in the terminal year of the Eighth Five Year Plan.

(b) Government is taking several steps to ensure better utilisation of existing capacity and expeditious creation of new generation capacity while simultaneously embarking on an extensive energy conservation and demand management programme so as to optimise he use of available energy. These include renovation and modernisation of power projects, programme of efficiency improvement for achieving higher plant load factor (PLF) of existing plants, undertaking of system improvement schemes and supplementing the public sector resources through private sector participation for creation of additional generation capacity.

Revival of Dulhasti Hydel Power Project by Fersuading Fresh Collaborators

580. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps are being taken or have been taken to revive the Dulhasti Hydel Project in Jammu and Kashmir by persuading the French collaborators; and

(b) if so; the details thereof indicating he present position the revised estimated cost and the capacity thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) The Government have strengthened the security arrangements in and around the project area. Tre French Consortium has been asked to resume work on the project and they have been re-assured about the security environment. The revised cost of the project is provisionally estimated at Rs. 2363 crores and its capacity is 390 MW.

Power shortage in Northern India

581. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Northern India faced an unprecedented power shortage during the months of August and September this year;

(b) if so, to what extent the power shortage has improved after the rains at the end of September;

(c) the number of States which sufferred power shortage; and